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1. ON MARGIN OF VISIT OF ARMAND HAMMER OF OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM TO USSR, E/C COUNSELOR SPOKE MAY 25 WITH ROBERT TRENT JONES, JR., ABOUT PLANS FOR GOLF COURSE IN MOSCOW. JONES WAS REALISTICALLY RESERVED ABOUT IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS FOR GOLF COURSE BUT STATED THAT UPDK HAD GIVEN ITS FORMAL ASSENT FOR THE PROJECT IN MARCH. (SUPPORT OF UPDK CHAIRMAN KUZNETSOV, WHO TOOK UP GAME OF GOLF WHILE AMBASSADOR IN MALAYSIA, HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO PROJECT, ACCORDING TO JONES.)

2. NEXT STEP IS TO WIN COOPERATION OF MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL IN MAKING TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COURSE, WHICH IS TO BE LOCATED AT NAKHABINO, A FEW MILES NORTHWEST OF MOSCOW CITY LIMITS. FIRST ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORK COULD TAKE PLACE IN SUMMER, 1978.

3. DESPITE THE FOREGOING, JONES APPEARED TO BE SKEPTICAL ABOUT LIKELY PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN USSR AND WAS CAREFUL TO AVOID SHOWING ANY UNWARRANTED
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CONFIDENCE IN ANY EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF GOLF COURSE, DESPITE ITS OBVIOUS COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS.
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